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Some kind of earth construction work, the nature of which cannot be identified, was started in the middle of March 1953 on the Czech side of the Czechoslovak-Austrian border opposite the Austrian town of Laa an der Thaya. The work was being carried out at numerous sites stretching along the border line and about 200 to 300 yards behind it; these work sites seemed to be spaced at intervals of a few hundred feet and extended over a mile in length. The noise of pneumatic hammers and drills was clearly audible from Austrian territory. Work was continued day and night; at night the construction sites were lit by floodlights.

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several construction sites (Enclosure 1, Point 7) from a point (Enclosure 1, Point 1a) near the Austrian customs house (Enclosure 1, Point 2) and from another point (Enclosure 1, Point 1b) on a line near the border line. [redacted] the area between these points and the construction sites is covered with brushwood.

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the beams of two large floodlights, about 18 to 20 inches in diameter, and of several smaller ones at each side, and the headlights of numerous trucks, apparently transporting construction material. The trucks were moving back and forth on a road parallel to the border line. [redacted] construction machines and [redacted] four to six pneumatic drill or hammers and two to three concrete mixing machines at each site.

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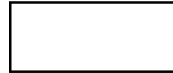
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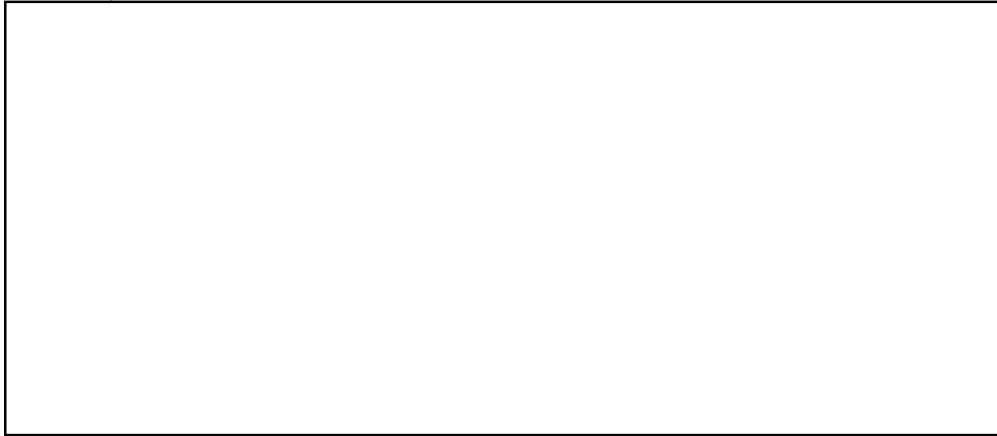


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